

Before the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission
State of Florida

Inquiry Concerning a Judge
No. 04-455, Judge John R. Sloop

Supreme Court of Florida
Case No.: SC05-555

PREHEARING STATEMENT

JOHN R. SLOOP, County Judge, by and through the undersigned attorney, pursuant to the *Order Scheduling Hearing and Prehearing Conference* entered by The Honorable Thomas B. Freeman, Chairman, Hearing Panel, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission, and files this *Prehearing Statement* in compliance with said Order.

A. WITNESSES

Judge Sloop expects to call (or examine on cross-examination) the following witnesses:

1. The Honorable John R. Sloop

Judge Sloop shall testify as to all matters brought forward during his deposition of September 23, 2005, as well as all matters established within the Amended Notice of Formal Charges and responses thereto.

2. Dr. Heidi Napolitano

Dr. Napolitano will testify to the fact that after careful evaluation of Judge Sloop he has been diagnosed Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Dr. Napolitano will further testify that

this disorder was the root of Judge Sloop's behavioral problems. These problems however have been corrected through medication and counseling.

3. Dr. Daniel Tressler

Dr. Daniel Tressler will testify that Judge Sloop continues to undergo anger management counseling as well as counseling for Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. This counseling has and will allow Judge Sloop to handle all matters on and off the bench showing dignity and respect to all individuals before him.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF JQC WITNESSES

Cross-examination of the witnesses for the Special Counsel as to matters raised in the Amended Notice of Formal Charges, testimony during depositions, and testimony during the Final Evidentiary Hearing.

B. CHARACTER WITNESSES

1. Judge Clayton Simmons, 301 N. Park Ave, Sanford, FL 32771, (407) 665-4048;
2. Rutledge M. Bradford, Esq., 5210 S. Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32809, (407) 926-8710 ext 106;
3. Robert Gustafson, 1036 Catfish Creek Court, Oviedo, FL 32765, (407) 697-6429.

C. AFFIDAVITS AND LETTERS

Affidavits and letters in support of Judge Sloop are hereby submitted by the following:

1. Dr. Heidi Napolitano, 417 East Jackson Street,
Orlando, FL 32801;
2. Dr. Daniel P. Tressler, Center for Psychology, 761
Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701;
3. Judge James E.C. Perry, Eighteenth Judicial
Circuit, 101 Bush Blvd, Sanford, FL 32772;
4. Bentley Patterson, 206 N. Whispering Hills Road,
Naperville, IL 60540;
5. Mark A. Nation, Esquire, 570 Crown Oak Centre Dr.,
Longwood, FL 32750;
6. Kimberly A. Driggers, Esquire, 570 Crown Oak Centre
Dr., Longwood, FL 32750;
7. Kevin B. Weiss, Esquire, 500 North Maitland Avenue,
Suite 303, Maitland, FL 32751;
8. Linda D. Fairfield, President of William Howard's
Jewelers, 3675 Orlando Drive, Seminole Centre,
Sanford, FL 32773;
9. Deputy Sheriff Olly K. Csisko, Seminole County
Sheriffs Office, 100 Bush Blvd, Sanford, FL 32772;
10. Gary Shader, Esquire, 1750 North Maitland Ave,
Maitland, FL 32751;
11. Samuel Filler, II, Esquire, 1220 Douglas Ave, Suite

203, Longwood, FL 32779;

12. Any and all additional affidavits and letters to be received prior to the Final Evidentiary Hearing.

D. REBUTTAL WITNESSES

Any rebuttal witnesses to matters raised by Special Counsel during Special Counsel's case in chief.

E. OBJECTIONS TO JQC'S EXHIBIT LIST

Judge Sloop has no objection to the exhibits presented on Special Counsel's exhibit list.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of this document has been delivered by Regular US Mail to Lauri Waldman Ross, Esquire, *Lauri Waldman Ross, P.A.*, Two Datran Center, Suite 1612, 9130 South Dadeland Blvd., Miami, Florida 33156-7818, (305) 670-2305 (facsimile), Special Counsel for the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission; Thomas C. MacDonald, Jr., Esq., 1904 Holly Lane, Tampa, Florida 33629, (813)258-6265 (facsimile), General Counsel for the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission; The Honorable Thomas C. Freeman, Chair, Hearing Panel, 1110 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303, (850)922-6781 (facsimile); John R. Beranek, Esq., Counsel, Hearing Panel, Ausley & McMullen, 227 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)222-7560 (facsimile), on this 1st day of March, 2006, by Regular US Mail and Facsimile.

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